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Dr. Williams,  
Thought you'd enjoy this message circulated by Sam Lee of Campaign Life Missouri earlier today.

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Friends,

Please read the story below.

**Hearty “thank you’s” are definitely in order to [Randall W. Williams, MD, FACOG](#), the new Director of the [Missouri Department of Health & Services \(appointed by Gov. Eric Greitens in February\)](#), for **investigating abortion complications at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in St. Louis**.**

You can also read the department's news release [here](#).

**As a conscientious OB/GYN, Dr. Williams knows that unreported abortion complications put the health and safety of Missouri women at risk, and prevent accountability within the abortion industry.**

How else can state health officials know if a [Kermit Gosnell-style abortion doctor](#) is setting up shop in Missouri, unless reports are regularly made on women injured by abortion – **as required by state law since 1979 ([section 188.052](#))?**

By the way, it is **demonstrably false for Planned Parenthood** to claim (as it did in the AP story, below) that it didn't know about the law – since Planned Parenthood filed suit against it soon after it was enacted in 1979!

Fortunately, the federal courts denied Planned Parenthood's claim and upheld the statute. See, *Planned*

*Parenthood, etc. v. Ashcroft*, [664 F. 2d 687, 690-91](#), (8th Cir. 1981) (“The requirements of subsection 188.052.2 [concerning individual abortion complication reports] provide the state with information that is helpful to medical assistance, judgments, and medical standards. Thus, it is also reasonably related to the state’s interest in protecting maternal health.”).

You can send a “thank you” note to Dr. Williams through the contact information here:

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## Missouri Health Chief Pledges Crackdown on Abortion Law

Associated Press June 1, 2017 5:56 PM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's only licensed abortion provider said Thursday it was unaware until recently that it had to report any complications from the procedures under a 38-year-old state law that Missouri's new health chief is pledging to enforce more rigorously.

The acknowledgement by the Reproductive Health Services arm of St. Louis' Planned Parenthood came a day after the director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Randall Williams,

 (Photo by Andrew Burton/Getty Images)

suggested in an email to media outlets that previous administrations have been lax in enforcing the 1979 law.

That statute mandates that any abortion-related complications be reported to the state within 45 days, though it was not immediately clear Thursday whether such requirements also apply to other medical procedures.

The criticisms by Williams a native North Carolina obstetrician and gynecologist appointed earlier this year under Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, an abortion opponent come amid an expected proliferation of abortion services across the state by Planned Parenthood

affiliates, given a federal judge's recent rulings allowing that expansion.

While offering no specifics, including a quantification of the suspected violations under the 1979 law,

Williams wrote that when the statute "requires complications to be reported, each and every complication should be reported."

"It has recently come to my attention that this law was not complied with under previous administrations. This is unacceptable," he said, pressing that he "will rigorously enforce this law in the future."

A spokeswoman for Williams, Sara O'Connor, declined The Associated Press' request for elaboration Thursday.

Jesse Lawder, a spokesman for the St. Louis region's Planned Parenthood, told the AP that the abortion provider wasn't aware of the reporting requirement at issue "until very recently" and has never been asked by the state for such reports.

"To our knowledge, no other health care providers in the state, including hospitals, were aware of the requirement either," Lawder said, adding that Planned Parenthood has shared complications-related details with the state health department during inspections and when requested.

"Now that we have been made aware of it, we will of course comply as we do with all state requirements," Lawder said.

The status of St. Louis' Planned Parenthood as the state's only licensed abortion provider is partly a result of Missouri's restrictions, including requirements that doctors who perform abortions have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and that clinics meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery.

But U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs recently issued a preliminary injunction blocking those rules at the request of Planned Parenthood affiliates with Missouri health centers.

Sachs said he was bound by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a Texas case and that Missouri has been denying abortion rights "on a daily basis, in irreparable fashion."

The state has asked a federal appellate court to intervene.

Planned Parenthood's Kansas City center has offered medication-induced abortions and has said it would resume doing so if Missouri regulations in question were deemed unconstitutional. Its Columbia center stopped offering the procedure a nonsurgical type, induced with a pill in 2015 after its only doctor performing medication-induced abortions lost needed privileges with University of Missouri Health Care. The regional Planned Parenthood affiliates said last month that the agencies have applied for licenses for their clinics in Kansas City and Columbia. They're hoping to offer abortion services at those locations by this summer and are preparing related applications to the state for the Joplin and Springfield sites.



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June 7, 2017

**Governor Greitens Announces Pro-Life Special Session**

Today, Governor Eric Greitens announced his plan to call the legislature back for a special session to protect the lives of the innocent unborn and protect women's health. The session will focus on protecting pregnancy resource centers and proposals for common-sense health and safety standards in abortion clinics.

Governor Greitens explained his announcement in a [Facebook video](#), stating:

"I'm pro-life, and I believe that we need to defend life and promote a culture of life here in the state of Missouri.

For me, that comes from the work I've done. I've worked with kids in Cambodia who'd lost limbs to land mines and who were survivors of polio. Children of the street in Bolivia, and children who were orphaned because of war and genocide.

I also saw the value of true love and compassion in one of Mother Theresa's homes for the destitute and dying. I saw the power of faith leaders who stood up and affirmed that every life had value and worth.

Our faith community and volunteers do incredible work to support people in need. And there's few finer examples than the work pregnancy care centers do across our state.

These charitable organizations and community groups work with pregnant women and new moms. They offer newborn children food and clothing, offer free pre-natal care and ultrasounds, and help find women find housing and even pay for utilities. They help with adoption when needed, and protect women from domestic abuse. They even do job training and help women find jobs to support their new families.

In the city of St. Louis, some of these pregnancy care centers are under attack. There's a new city law making St. Louis an abortion sanctuary city—where pregnancy care centers can't work the way they're supposed to. Politicians are trying to make it illegal, for example, for pro-life organizations to say that they just want to hire pro-life Missourians.

The Senate had a bill to address this during the session—but they failed to act. We're calling a special session to support the people doing this vital work to help women and children.

I also believe that we should have common-sense health and safety standards in all medical facilities. A court decision from earlier this year weakened our state's health standards in abortion clinics. So, we're also proposing some basic, common-sense standards to keep Missourians safe.

We're proposing, for example, that abortion clinics should have an annual safety inspection.

We're proposing that these clinics should have a plan for complications.

And we're proposing a fix that will stop abortion clinics from interfering with emergency responders. If a woman needs help, abortion clinics shouldn't be able to tell an ambulance to come slowly--to not use their lights and sirens--or to go around to the back gate, just because they are worried that an ambulance arriving might make their abortion clinic look bad.

I'm proud to support life—the lives of mothers, their children, and the innocent unborn. It's an honor to serve you, have a great day and God Bless."

The announcement of this special session has been praised by pro-life and faith leaders from around the state.

"Gov. Greitens won the Governor's race having made a strong commitment to pro-life initiatives and now, he's working to deliver on those promises. We thank him for calling back the Missouri state legislature to address the health and safety of women inside abortion facilities and to undo the chilling action taken by the city of St. Louis to declare the city an 'abortion sanctuary,'" said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser. "The Greitens administration recently moved to enforce a longstanding law requiring abortion businesses to report abortion emergencies resulting in women being removed from the facility by ambulance. Local pro-life activists in St. Louis have observed women being taken away by ambulance at least 66 times since 2009. Clearly, Gov. Greitens understands the urgency here and that the lives of women and children are on the line. We urge the state legislature to address these matters quickly."

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The special legislative session will begin on Monday, June 12th.

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